

## RED FORM OF LINDERA BENZOIN

A form of *Lindera benzoin* (L.) Blume, which deviates from the normal yellow-flowered shrub only in the production of brick-red flowers, is here reported. The one shrub seen was staminate, and no fruit is available for comparison with the typical form, nor does the fall coloring of the leaves differ in any way from the usual yellow. The winter buds, however, are easily distinguished from the typical in their darker, red-brown coloring.

The specimen observed occurs at Hopkinton, Washington County, Rhode Island, on the Woodville Road, and was first noticed on April 25, 1974, when it was in flower. In May, 1975, cuttings were sent to the Arnold Arboretum, at their request, for propagation. The following name for this red-flowered plant is proposed.

***Lindera benzoin*** (L.) Blume forma **rubra** R. L. Champlin, forma nova.

A typica differt floribus staminatis rubris. TYPE: **Rhode Island.** WASHINGTON COUNTY: low woods, Hopkinton. *R. L. Champlin s.n.* (Holotype, NEBC).

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